

## Getting a facelift



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Kathleen Polesnak

**Wires spill out of an A-10 undergoing the A- to C-model conversion at Societe Anonyme Belge De Constructions Aeronautiques, or SABCA, a depot in Belgium that is completing aircraft overhauls for the 81st Fighter Squadron's A-10 Thunderbolt IIs. This aircraft is one of seven left in the squadron to receive the conversion.**

## New vice chief of staff of the AF takes office

Courtesy of the American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** – Gen. Carrol H. “Howie” Chandler is the new vice chief of staff of the Air Force, succeeding Gen. William M. Fraser III, who held the position since October 2008.

General Chandler comes to the Pentagon after service as commander of Pacific Air Forces, air component commander for U.S. Pacific Command and executive director of the Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

The vice chief of staff assists the chief of staff with organizing, training and equipping 680,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the U.S. and overseas. General Chandler will also preside over the Air Staff and serve as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Requirements Oversight Council and Deputy Advisory Working Group.

General Chandler is a 1974 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and has commanded a major command, numbered air force, two fighter wings, a support group and a fighter squadron.

His staff assignments include tours at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, the Pentagon, Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command, Headquarters U.S. Military Training Mission in Saudi Arabia and Headquarters Allied Air Forces Southern Europe.

The general is a command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours, principally in fighter aircraft.

He has received numerous awards for his military service, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Legion of Merit.

### 52nd Fighter Wing Responsible Drinking Scoreboard

Last DUI: Aug. 19 – 52nd EMS  
Last ARO: Aug. 27 – 52nd EMS

**Last DUI**  
16 days ago

**Last week's accidents:**  
Major vehicle accidents: 3  
Minor vehicle accidents: 5



### Retired working dogs make great pets

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### Educate yourself on health-care benefits

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### Weekend weather



**Sept. 5**  
Chance of rain

**High** 14 C / 57 F  
**Low** 9 C / 48 F



**Sept. 6**  
Overcast

**High** 13 C / 55 F  
**Low** 9 C / 48 F



## Saber Spotlight

## C O M M E N T A R Y



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Benjamin Wilson

**Airmen 1st Class Brianna Harris, 52nd Medical Support Squadron, is this week's Top Saber Performer.**

**NAME**

Airmen 1st Class Brianna Harris

**UNIT**

52nd Medical Support Squadron

**DUTY TITLE**

Medical records technician

**HOMETOWN**

Chicago

**TIME IN SERVICE**

17 months

**WHY JOINED**

To be a part of something bigger than myself and to reach my full potential

**FAMILY**

My dad, Arthur, my mom, Catherine, and my younger brother, Bartholomew

**HOBBIES**

Languages, sports and music

**FAVORITE ASPECT OF JOB**

The ability to brighten a patient's day when they enter the clinic

**MOST MEMORABLE AIR FORCE EXPERIENCE**

Listening to retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Bob Gaylor speak

# Character matters regardless of age, rank

by Col. Patrick J. McCrea  
52nd Operations Group Commander

I had the honor of addressing a group of Junior ROTC cadets and their parents at their annual awards banquet a couple of months ago.

As I thought about what to say to a group of teenagers, I couldn't help but think of the similarities between them and Airmen, both officers and enlisted. It dawned on me the remarks I made that night are appropriate, regardless of age or rank.

My message was simple: This is the time in your life that matters most.

You can achieve anything in this life if you set your mind to it. Nothing is out of your reach. If you want to be an astronaut, be an astronaut. If you want to be a brain surgeon or a nuclear physicist, do it. It all depends on how much effort you are willing to put in and how much you are willing to sacrifice to make it happen.

The opportunities set before you are greater today than at any time in the history of our country. Set high goals, and never let anyone say you can't do something.

Don't ruin your chances of fulfilling your dreams by making bad choices, like using drugs or abusing alcohol. I know too many sad stories of promising careers that were cut short because people succumbed to peer pressure or made poor choices. So don't do it.

The same goes for breaking the law – don't do

it. If there is even the smallest doubt in your mind about whether something is right or wrong, moral or immoral, don't do it.

No matter your current age and rank, you have made a choice to be a leader – your peers look to you for guidance and mentorship. Most of all, they look to you to set a good example. Your peers observe how you act – how you walk, how you dress, how you comb your hair, how you address others in public, how you shake hands and how you tackle challenges.

You will find yourself challenged with situations that may or may not be your fault. Maybe you'll witness a crime; maybe that crime was committed by a friend. What should you do, and how will you act? Who can you go to for advice? This is why your character is so important. You must have a core set of beliefs and values to fall back on when you find yourself in a pickle. If you mess up, it's better to fess up rather than add to the problem by lying about it or trying to cover it up.

Character matters!

Never forget you are an American and you are dedicated to the principals that made our country free. Be brave, and have the moral courage to do the right thing. Always remember, we live in the greatest democracy the world has ever seen. It is up to you to keep it that way.

Whether you are 16 or 60, a Junior ROTC cadet, an airman first class or a colonel – good character matters.



## Where's my flag?

**Airmen 1st Class Christopher Gilbert, 52nd Force Support Squadron, labels the California state flag as part of the Air Force Sergeants' Association Chapter 1681 Spangdahlem Elementary School state flag project Aug. 28. Twenty-two AFSA members hung and labeled all state and territory flags in the SPES gym and presented a scrapbook to the school.**

U.S. Air Force photo/Airmen 1st Class Staci Miller

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# Blog offers support to military families

Courtesy of the American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** – Defense Department officials have launched a blog called Family Matters dedicated to providing resources and support to military families.

The blog, located at <http://afps.dodlive.mil>, features tips from experts and information on military-related topics ranging from deployments and separations to education benefits and child care.

“Our goal is to touch on topics that are important and relevant to military families,” said Elaine Wilson, the blog’s author and an editor for American Forces Press Service. “Military families confront unique challenges and issues, and we’re hoping people can turn to this blog for information and support.”

Mrs. Wilson served for nearly eight years in the Air Force and three years in the Air Force Reserve before becoming a defense civilian. Her active-duty and reserve service are experience she brings to the blog.

“I remember those early morning PT runs, the late-night calls and the constant juggling of mission and family,” she said. “It was tough. I was married to a military member and, one day, became a divorced single parent of two. Balancing that with military life, particularly overseas, presented some tough challenges.”

Mrs. Wilson said she will share many of her own stories in hopes of starting a dialog with others who are dealing with the same types of



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issues. This two-way communication will be vital to the blog’s success.

“We read every comment, and respond when appropriate to the person writing in,” she said.

Mrs. Wilson also said many comments are forwarded to defense experts for response.

“A great aspect of this blog is that many readers will have the opportunity to have their comments and ideas viewed by defense officials,” she said.

Mrs. Wilson noted that a recent comment was elevated to the desk of the Army secretary.

“A military spouse made some great suggestions and comments, and we felt they could make an impact, so we forwarded them to higher-level officials,” she said. “Anyone can make a difference, and it can start with something as simple as a blog comment.”

A heartfelt comment can sometimes make more of an impact among the blog’s readers than the blog entries themselves, Mrs. Wilson said.

“We had a reader make a comment about suicides among family members,” she said. “That sparked other comments on the same topic that offered everything from support to helping resources. I then dedicated a blog to helping resources. It had a positive snowball effect.”

The blog has received numerous comments since its launch in early August, including some positive feedback.

“Thanks for the new blog, looks great and useful,” a comment says.

Another comment says, “This is another great resource by (the Defense Department).”

Perhaps most importantly, Mrs. Wilson said, the blog is aimed at letting people know they’re not alone in their everyday struggles.

“Whether dealing with the aftereffects of a deployment or the challenges of home life, we’re hoping this blog will help create a common bond among military family members, and also convey the ongoing caring and concern defense officials have for our military families,” Mrs. Wilson said.

## You are cordially invited to the Air Force Ball

by 2nd Lt Kathleen Polesnak  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**Who:** All 52nd Fighter Wing Airmen

**What:** The Air Force Ball

**When:** Sept. 26, doors open at 5:52 p.m. and heavy appetizers will be served at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Club Eifel

**Why:** The Air Force Ball is an event for Airmen to gather and celebrate the accomplishments and heritage of their service since its inception Sept. 18, 1947. This year the theme is ‘All In ... Globally Engaged’ to highlight the key role the Air Force fulfills in missions across the world, from targeting insurgents to humanitarian response to medical transport and assistance.

The ball also grants Airmen the opportunity

to continue a legacy of pomp and circumstance and esprit de corps alongside peers, subordinates and supervisors with a series of events in a formal military setting.

Air Force balls are unlike other banquets and official events because they typically occur once a year and include a distinguished visitor as a guest speaker, feature entertainment and all Airmen across base are encouraged to attend, regardless of rank or unit.

This year, the Singing Sabers, a group of Spangdahlem Air Base vocalists, will perform the German and American national anthems and Tops in Blue will also perform. A disc jockey will play music around 9:45 p.m. in the enlisted club for anyone who wants to dance.

Still need more reasons? A buffet of appetizers

will be available, as well as a cash bar.

**How:** Cost is \$5 for airmen first class and below, \$10 for senior airmen to technical sergeants and \$20 for master sergeants and above. All Airmen can purchase tickets via credit card through an e-mailed electronic invite from first sergeants. Airmen intending to consume alcohol during the event should arrange transportation ahead of time, but Airmen Against Drunk Driving will be available to drive attendees home, should they need a ride.

Enlisted Airmen planning to attend should wear mess dress or semiformal dress, which is service dress with a white collared shirt in place of a blues shirt. Females must wear a skirt, nylons and heels. All officers attending the event must wear mess dress. No covers are required.

**1st Sergeant  
tip of  
the week**

**COUNSELING** — Counseling helps people develop good judgment, assume responsibility, and face and solve their problems. First-line supervisors, first sergeants and commanders routinely counsel people. The Air Force IMT 174 form is used to record the counseling session. It provides a record of positive or negative counseling and is useful for performance evaluations. Counseling sessions may also be documented on bond paper or letterhead. For more information about this tip, refer to Air Force Instruction 36-2907.





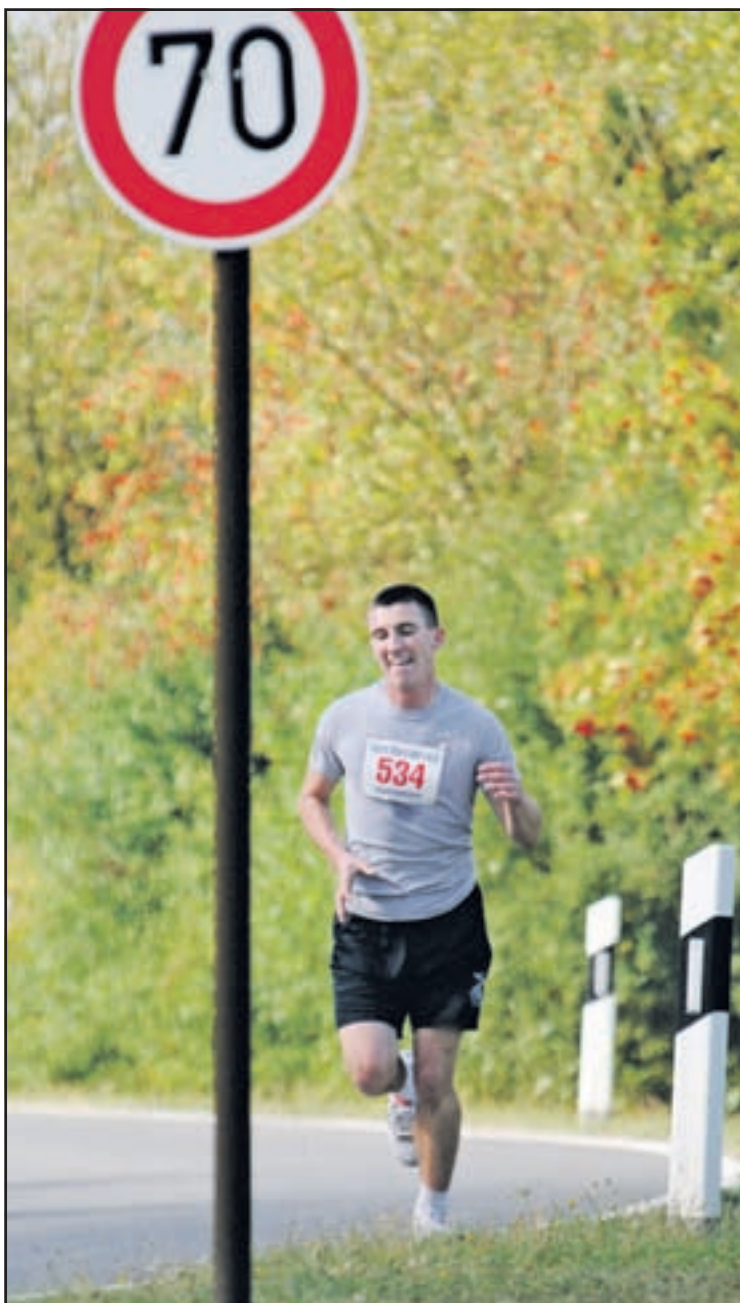
## What's going on around your local community?

To see more photos, go to [www.spangdahlem.af.mil/photos](http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/photos)



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Nick Wilson

*The 52nd Fighter Wing Honor Guard stands at attention during the Phase II ribbon-cutting ceremony for newly completed base housing units Aug. 26 as part of the Replace Military Family Housing project. Fourteen duplexes, which will provide homes for 60 families, were completed. The \$37.3 million housing project is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 24, 2010.*



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt Bill Gomez

*Airman 1st Class Collin Meisel, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, holds a solid lead ahead of other competitors more than two-thirds of the way through a 10K run. The fitness center staff organized simultaneous 10 and 5K runs Aug. 29 around the perimeter running paths on Spangdahlem Air Base.*



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Staci Miller

*Joy Peoples, spouse of Master Sgt. Edward Peoples, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, plays bingo at the Bingo and Crab Boil Aug. 26 at Club Eifel, which offered a jackpot of more than \$1,000 to more than 25 participants. Club Eifel holds the Bingo and Crab Boil the last Wednesday of every month.*



# Military working dogs: adopt a friend for life

by Master Sgt. Kelley J. Stewart  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

When most people think about adopting a pet, they think about the humane society, not retired military working dogs.

The 106th Congress passed a public law Nov. 6, 2000, allowing law enforcement agencies, military working dog handlers and other capable caretakers to adopt them.

Military working dogs cannot work their entire lives, and unlike

human servicemembers, there is no retirement village for them. They have to be euthanized or adopted.

However, those considering adopting a retired military working dog have to be emotionally and financially ready for the dog's needs.

"Some of these dogs, when they're adopted out, are on medication, and it can be costly," said Tech. Sgt. Eric Brown, 52nd Security Forces Squadron military working dog trainer.

"The medication is mostly for joint pain because these dogs are older and have worked for a long time," said Staff Sgt. Chad Brown, 52nd SFS military working dog handler.

Public law also absolves the U.S. from any veterinary expenses associated with retired working dogs, and adoptive owners obtain the animal's veterinary records upon adoption.

The age ranges of older adoptable military working dogs vary by breed. A dog's service during operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom also contribute to an earlier retirement age. Dogs used to be adopted at ages 10 or 11, while they're now being adopted at 7 or 8.

Some of the reasons for the earlier retirement age are climbing in and out of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, climbing up and down stairs, and walking on harsh terrain.

Not all injuries are physical. Some military working dogs return with post-traumatic stress disorder. Some don't like loud noises and are unable to perform the military mission.

"It's not a major problem if the animal is a pet," Staff Sgt. Brown said. "It is a problem for a working dog because we want them to work for us."

People who want to adopt a retired military working dog can visit the kennels and ask if a dog is available for adoption. Prospective adopters will be placed on a list if there are multiple people interested in adoption. They will also be interviewed to ensure they have the right homes for a retired working dog. Some of the questions they'll be asked include whether they have time for the animal, if they have a yard, if they have small children or teenagers, and if they have any experience with dogs.

It is important for proactive adopters to know whether the dog they are seeking is behaved around small children or not. According to the dog handlers, some military working dogs are better around children than others.

One of the reasons people get asked about their time and the size of their yard is because working dogs are used to activity, and with joint pain, it's very important that they move around.

"It's really bad for them to lie around if they have joint pain," Staff Sgt. Brown said. "They're really going to tense up and deteriorate. They still need a lot of exercise. It will keep them from locking up."

Even though these animals are trained military working dogs, people who adopt them don't require any special training. The dogs are just like nonmilitary working dogs in that they enjoy walks, chasing balls and playing.

Adopting a military working dog also requires a liability waiver. The waiver exempts the U.S. from any lawsuits that may arise due to property damage or personal injury after the dog is adopted.

Another reason a dog might be adopted is they quit working.

"We have minimum standards for the dogs, and once we establish the fact they can't meet those standards anymore, depending on their health, they can either go to the K-9 school at Lackland (Air Force Base, Texas) or be put up for adoption," Tech. Sgt. Brown said.

There is a certain mystique about military working dogs – they're fierce and dangerous. However, most of these dogs are also loyal, obedient and affectionate.

People who don't want to adopt an older military working dog have the option to adopt a younger dog from the military working dog school at Lackland AFB.

These dogs range in age from 1-4 years and, for one reason or another, are not qualified to be working dogs.

People interested in adopting a younger dog can visit [www.lackland.af.mil/units/341stmwd/index.asp](http://www.lackland.af.mil/units/341stmwd/index.asp) and view a list of working dogs that have been put up for adoption. The application for adoption also can be found at this Web site.

The only expense incurred with the adoption of any military working dog is what it costs to transport the animal home.



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Kelley J. Stewart

**Aida, a 7-year-old German Shepherd, is an explosive detection dog with the 52nd Security Forces Squadron. She is one of three military working dogs who have been put up for adoption at Spangdahlem Air Base and will be going home with their handlers. The 106th Congress passed a public law in November 2000 allowing law enforcement agencies, military working dog handlers and people from the general public to adopt retired dogs.**



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# It's important to focus on preventative health

Courtesy of the 52nd Medical Group

Tricare covers most inpatient and outpatient care that is considered medically necessary and medically proven. Equally important to primary care, however, is preventative health care, which can help people live healthier and, hopefully, longer lives.

Tricare beneficiaries are eligible for a range of clinical preventative services. These include examinations, immunizations and periodic screenings based on age and personal and family health history, although coverage varies for prime and standard beneficiaries.

A preventative clinical evaluation for comprehensive diseases should be accomplished several times throughout one's lifetime at ages 2-4, 5-11, 12-17, 18-29 and 40-64.

Tricare provides preventative health screening through both Tricare Prime and Tricare Standard. Screening examinations may be performed during a periodic comprehensive health promotion examination or as part of other medical examinations. The intent of these screenings is to maximize preventative care.

Women's screenings include breast cancer screenings with a physical exam and a mammogram every 12 months for women 39 years and older.

• Women who are younger than 39 can receive an annual mammogram if there is a



Courtesy photo

family history of breast cancer. Pap tests also are given to women annually, starting at age 18. After three consecutive normal results, exams can be given once every three years.

• Men's screening includes annual testicular exams starting at age 13, which are given until age 39 if there is a family history of cryptorchidism, orchiopexy or testicular atrophy.

• Prostate cancer examinations are offered annually for men beginning at age 50 if there is no family history of prostate cancer. These screenings include a physical exam and a blood test to detect the possibility of elevated levels of prostate-specific antigen.

• Colorectal cancer screenings are available for both men and women starting at age 40. The

screening includes a physical exam and occult blood tests every year. Sigmoidoscopy exams should be done every three to five years starting at age 50, and a colonoscopy should be given every 10 years starting at age 50.

• Everyone should have their cholesterol, or lipid panel, checked every five years beginning at age 18. Blood pressure checks should be done at least every two years.

• Active-duty family members enrolled in Tricare Prime who are 3 years and older are authorized one comprehensive eye exam by a specialist every year. Infants are screened by their primary-care provider at birth and again at 6 months old. Children enrolled in Tricare Standard who are 3-6 years old are authorized two comprehensive eye exams by a specialist. Adults enrolled in Tricare Standard are not covered for visual screenings.

• Immunizations are given on an age-appropriate basis. Some newly recommended vaccines include shingles, or herpes zoster, for those ages 60-65 and the human papilloma virus vaccination for girls 11-26.

Tricare offers many other clinical preventative services. To see what you and your family are eligible for and how often, check with your family care provider.

*Editor's note: September is Health Benefits Awareness Month.*



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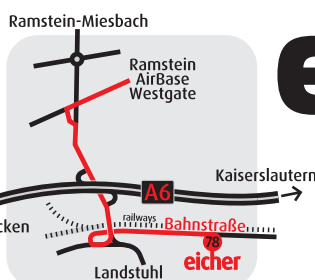
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*52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron*  
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Arman Aranda  
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# 3rd AF welcomes new commander

by Senior Master Sgt. Hollis Dawson  
3rd Air Force Public Affairs

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** – Lt. Gen. Frank Gorenc assumed command of 3rd Air Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe's component numbered air force charged to support U.S. European Command, in a ceremony at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Aug. 24.

General Gorenc last served as director of Air and Space Operations, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

"To the men and women of 3rd Air Force, I stand before you humbled by this opportunity and the sheer magnitude of the responsibility," the general said. "To command is a great honor and a privilege, but to command 3rd Air Force is absolutely a dream come true."

General Gorenc, who brings 30 years of experience in the U.S. Air Force, reminded the men and women of 3rd Air Force of their overall mission and stressed the importance of the command's regional allies.

"Precise combat power from air, space and cyberspace, integrated into an effective coalition campaign with our joint brothers and allies will be key," General Gorenc said. "That is exactly what 3rd Air Force is all about – effective combat air power."

General Gorenc will now direct the full spectrum of air, space

and cyberspace operations – from planning to execution and assessment – of all USAFE forces engaged in contingency and war-time operations in the USEUCOM area of responsibility. This area includes more than 51 countries and territories.

General Gorenc, who was officially promoted to lieutenant general Aug. 24, entered the Air Force in 1979 as a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He has been assigned to numerous operational, command and staff positions and has completed four overseas tours. He has commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group, a fighter wing and an air expeditionary wing.

Additionally, he has served as special assistant to U.S. European Command, Supreme Allied Commander Europe; director of Operational Plans and Joint Matters, deputy chief of staff for Air Space and Information Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force; and as the commander of Air Force District of Washington, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

General Gorenc is a command pilot with more than 4,100 flying hours.

Third Air Force is comprised of ten wings, three groups and the 603rd Air and Space Operations Center, consisting of more than 27,000 personnel.

# Business board calls for changes to civilian personnel system

by Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** – In its final report, a Defense Business Board task group has recommended a "reconstruction" of the National Security Personnel System.

Former Deputy Defense Secretary Rudy DeLeon chaired the group. Defense Department officials will use the board's recommendations as they ponder the system's future.

"We'll take the findings of the business board under advisement and study and work toward a decision on NSPS in the fall," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said today.

The system, in place since 2003, must be rebuilt, the report says.

"A 'fix' could not address the depth of the systemic problems discovered," according to the report. "The Task Group does not recommend an abolishment of the NSPS because the performance management system that has been created is achieving alignment of employee goals with organizational goals."

The task group wrote in the report that any reconstruction needs to include input from the workforce in making the needed changes.

The task group also called on the DOD to re-establish a "commitment to partnership and collaborating with employees through their unions." In addition, it urged the department to invest in its civilian career work force.

Finally, the task group recommended that the DOD halt any more transitions from legacy personnel systems to NSPS.

Specifically, department officials must address pay pools and their lack of transparency. They also must examine pay bands, especially Pay Band 2, which has a large portion of the defense work force.

The task group said in the report that the pay band lacks "clear linkage to career progression."

NSPS is eroding trust between supervisors and employees, the report says.

The task group called on the department to create a "collaborative process for DOD managers and employees currently in the General Schedule system to design and implement a performance management system that ties individual employee performance goals to organizational goals."

Part of this, the task group says, is to explore the replacement of the current General Schedule classification system.

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# Eifel School Happenings



## Welcome Wagon

Katie Haas (front, second from left) and Notley Reavis (front right) explain a group activity to middle and high school students at the Welcome Back to School Bash 2009 Aug. 29.

The event, which was sponsored by 52nd Force Support Squadron and the School Liaison Office, was held at the Brick House for all Eifel-area students. The focus of the event was to familiarize new students arriving in the Eifel area and those students taking the next step to a higher-level school with their new schools.

Bitburg High School Student2Student Team members Katie Timms, Katie Haas, Notley Reavis and Cameron Jackson led several group activities to help the students get to know each other.

Youth program cheerleaders performed several cheers and a dance routine and students and parents danced to the sounds of 'DJ Special K,' better known as Airman 1st Class Jonathan Krejci.

There was also plenty of food and games, as well as information offered by base agencies, which Eifel schools students and parents can utilize during their time at Spangdahlem Air Base.

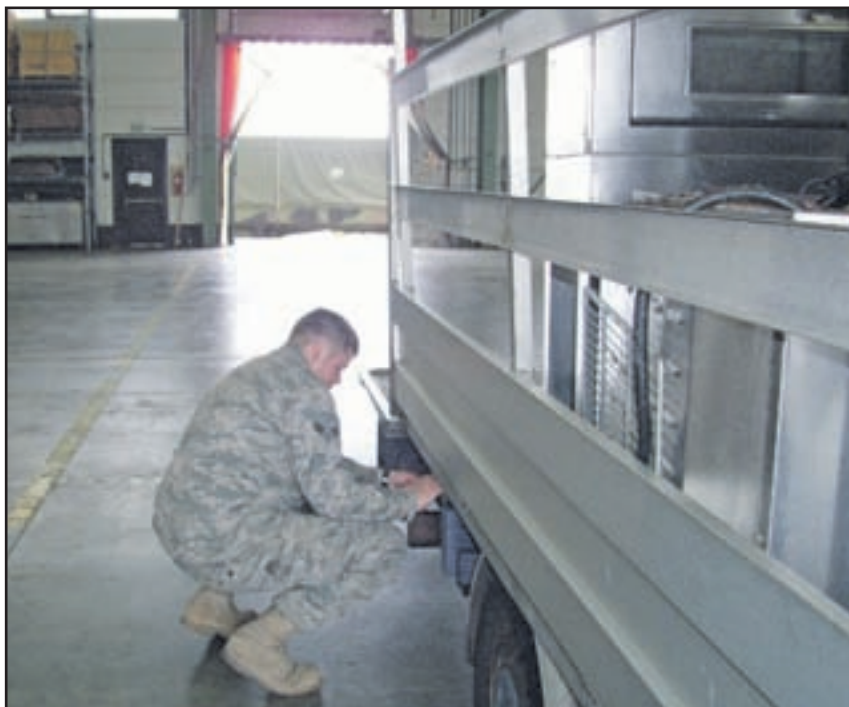
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## Back to school

(From left) David Carlisle, Bitburg High School principal, Col. Jodine Tooke, 52nd Mission Support Group Commander, and Lawanna Mangleburg, Kaiserslautern District superintendent of schools, chat before the annual Welcome Back to School Forum, hosted by 52nd Fighter Wing Commander Col. Tip Wight. The forum, a breakfast buffet this year, is held for school and district teachers, staff and administrators.



*Photo by Dana Hodges*

## Out with the old

One of several Airman volunteers assists in removing inoperable cafeteria equipment from the Eifel schools Aug. 13. The School Liaison Office would like to say thank you to Master Sgt. Terry Tyler; Senior Airman Angelo Puglisi; Airmen 1st Class Molly Fletchall, George Torres, Gregory Jones and Daniel Marcy; and Airmen Nicholas Pease and Dennis Tucker II, who all volunteered to help complete this project.





## Sports & rec

### ONGOING EVENTS

#### AFAA certification classes

The Aerobic and Fitness Association of America is holding certification classes in September for those wishing to be certified in personal training, step and choreography, group exercise and spinning. Call Juergen Stockemer 06565-61-6634 or DSN 452-6634 for more information.

#### Eifel Lanes

Airman's Night – Senior airmen and below bowl two free games with a combo receipt from Papa Joe's 6 p.m.-close Mondays.

For more information about events and bowling specials, call Eifel Lanes at DSN 452-6217.

#### Fitness classes – Spangdahlem

- Ab class/boot camp – 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Abs only class – 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays
- Circuit training – 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

- Equipment Orientation – 10 a.m. Fridays

- Indoor cycling – 6 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; 4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

- Sports conditioning – 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

- Sculpting – 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays

- Tai Chi – noon Mondays and Fridays, 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays

- Yoga – 6 p.m. Wednesdays

#### Fitness classes – Bitburg

- Butts and Guts – 9 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

- Sculpting – 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

#### Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation is looking for volunteers to help with the Saber Outdoor Adventure Program. Skills to lead groups on various outdoor recreation outings can be taught.

For more information or to volunteer, call DSN 452-7170.

### CLASSES AND EVENTS

#### Poker Tournament

There will be a Texas Hold 'em Tournament **Sept. 4** at Club Eifel. For more information, call DSN 452-4633.

#### Munitions area closure

The munitions storage area will be closed for all custodial-related actions **Sept. 4-Oct. 4** to conduct a 100 percent munitions stockpile semiannual inventory. During the inventory, only valid emergency requests, approved by applicable group commanders and submitted in accordance with applicable directives, will be honored. Plan accordingly. For questions, concerns or more information, call munitions accountability at DSN 452-6230.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### AADD

To volunteer or ask for a ride home, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

#### AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays on Spangdahlem Air Base in Bldg. 136 on the first floor. For more information about AA in the Eifel area, call 0152-0391-3593.

#### Before- and after-school programs

The School Age Program specializes in supervised activities before and after school for kindergarteners to sixth graders. This program includes breakfast and an afternoon snack. Extended hours are available in the event of weather delays, school holidays and early release days. The School Age Program turns into a full day summer camp from June to August each year.

#### Book scholarship

University of Maryland University College – Europe is offering a new Europe \$100 book award for spouses and family members of active-duty enlisted servicemembers. For more

information, call the education center at DSN 452-6063.

#### Commander and principal monthly forums

The 52nd Mission Support Group commander, Eifel principals and the Kaiserslautern district superintendent meet monthly to stay informed on dependent education and Eifel community happenings and information. The meeting contributes to the continuance of the great partnership and communication established between all entities, ensuring each student's success. The 52nd MSG welcomes all group or squadron leadership and base

or private organizational points of contact to attend. For more information, call Dana Hodges, 52nd Fighter Wing schools liaison officer, at DSN 452-6942 or e-mail [dana.hodges@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:dana.hodges@spangdahlem.af.mil).

#### Communication

Port security has been implemented. Your machine will lose connectivity if you unplug your computer from the base network and try to plug it into another port. Commercial connections do not apply, such as in dormitories, the library, Army and Air Force Exchange facilities, etc. For more information, call the Communications Focal Point at DSN 452-COMM.



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## Spangdahlem Skyline

**Friday, Sept. 4**  
6 p.m. The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13)  
9:30 p.m. Public Enemies (R)

**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
6 p.m. The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13)  
9:30 p.m. Transformers 2 (PG-13)

**Sunday, Sept. 6**  
4 p.m. Ice Age 3 (PG)  
7 p.m. Transformers 2 (PG-13)

**Monday, Sept. 7**  
7 p.m. Public Enemies (R)

**Tuesday, Sept. 8**  
7 p.m. The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13)

## THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE



Photo courtesy of www.movieweb.com

Clare has been in love with Henry her entire life. She believes they are destined to be together, even though she never knows when they will be separated. Henry is a time traveler, cursed with a rare genetic anomaly that causes him to live his life on a shifting timeline, skipping back and forth through his lifespan with no control. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, brief disturbing images, nudity and sexuality. (108 min.)

*Featuring: Rachel McAdams, Eric Bana*

## Bitburg Castle

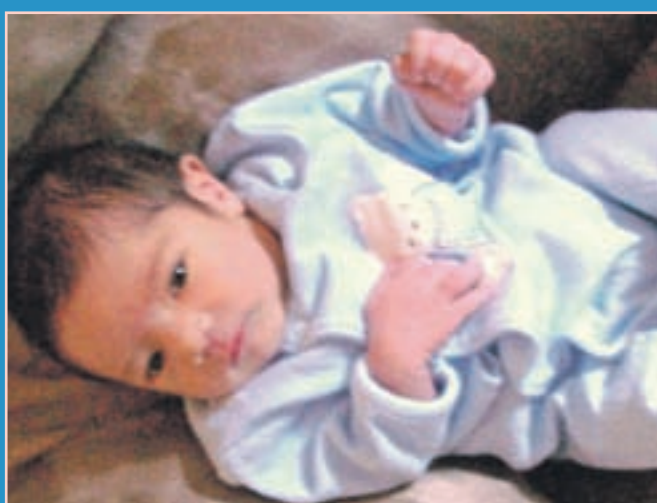
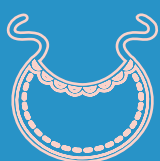
**Friday, Sept. 4**  
7 p.m. District 9 (R)

**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
7 p.m. G.I. Joe (PG-13)

**Sunday, Sept. 6**  
4 p.m. The Proposal (PG-13)



## Introducing Spangdahlem's newest resident



Courtesy photo

### James Rudolf Idems

James was born at 6:23 p.m. July 27 at the St. Elisabeth Krankenhaus in Wittlich. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long. His proud parents are Sascha and Holly Idems. The Idems family is stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Send your birth announcement to the *Saber Herald*. Include your baby's name, time and date of birth, hospital name, weight and length, parents' first and last name(s) and rank(s), and the place where your family is stationed, along with a horizontal JPEG photo. Send information to [editor@saberherald.com](mailto:editor@saberherald.com).

## Chapel News

### Bitburg Chapel

#### Catholic Mass

- Noon Sundays
- Daily Mass – 11:45 a.m. Tuesdays

#### Islamic services

- For information call the lay leader at DSN 452-6711

#### Jewish services

- For information call Rabbi Bram at Ramstein Air Base at 480-5570

### Spangdahlem Chapel

#### Protestant worship services

- Traditional Service – 10:30 a.m. Sundays
- Gospel Service – noon Sundays
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# Destinations



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Tech. Sgt. Devin Reaves (center), 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, visits the Eagle's Nest near Berchtesgaden, Germany, with his mother, Betty Reaves (left), of Collinwood, Tenn., and his cousin Tammy Reaves, of Muscle Shoals, Ala., Aug. 19.

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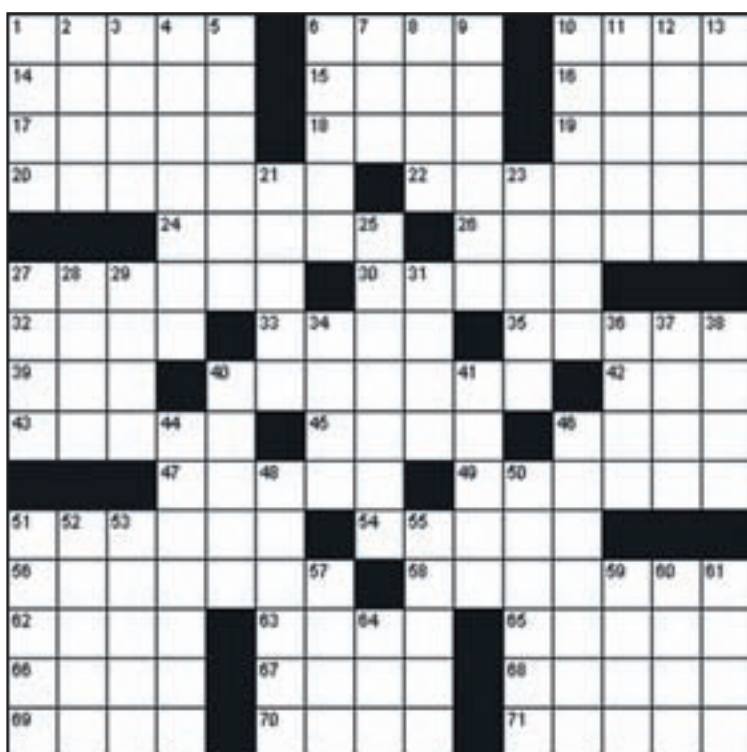
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### Across

1. Taj \_\_
6. Five-star Bradley
10. Counterfeit
14. Speedily
15. Augur
16. Mata \_\_
17. Basket for jai alai
18. Neighbor of Yemen
19. First family member
20. Sweep

22. Ancient Greek soldier
24. "The Cat in the Hat" author
26. Actor Matthau
27. Attest
30. Zaire, formerly
32. French singer Edith
33. Tell secrets
35. To the left
39. Business abbr.
40. Lizard
42. Chinese principle

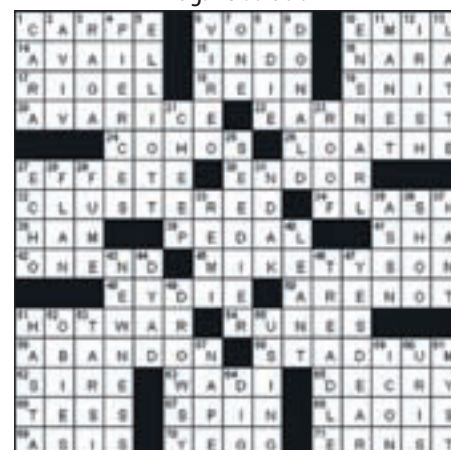
43. Composer Bruckner
45. Prevaricates
46. Axis leader
47. Swiss city on the Rhine
49. Breakfast dish
51. Virtuous
54. Valerie Harper series
56. Type of ax
58. Lombardy's lingo
62. Downwind
63. Hard wood
65. Poisonous snake
66. Exert restraint
67. Fabled fast starter
68. Inventor Howe
69. Daly of "Cagney and Lacey"
70. Lodge members
71. Christmas visitor

### Down

1. Riot queller
2. Peak
3. Lock part
4. Pretend
5. Not so hefty
6. They're found among the reeds
7. Small business co-owner
8. Wife of Esau
9. Fame
10. Small open boat
11. Religious costume
12. Alpine feature
13. Distance runner
21. Island west of Timor
23. Heathen
25. More alarming
27. Western Samoa's capital
28. Twain's Huck

29. Actuality
31. Theater award
34. Respite
36. Oklahoma Indian
37. Hindu prince
38. Implement
40. Scythe handle
41. A "My Fair Lady" setting
44. Lewd
46. Refrain syllables
48. Boil
50. "My Cup Runneth Over" singer
51. Nautical reference
52. "Roots" author
53. Dined at home
55. Raises
57. Dabbling duck
59. Poker declaration
60. Like \_\_ out of hell
61. Cape Canaveral org.
64. Covenant holder

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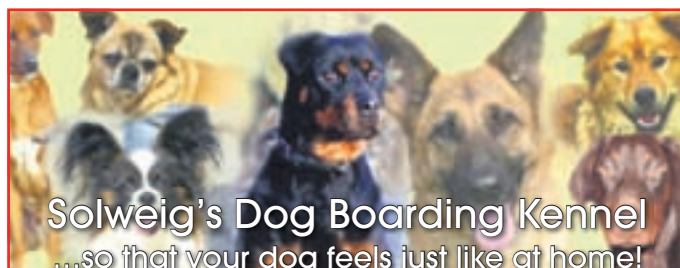
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